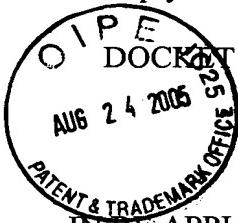


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, the period for response having been extended to August 24, 2005, by a Request for an Extension of Time filed herewith, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment, remarks and the attached Rule 132 Declaration. A Notice of Appeal is being filed herewith.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Basis for Amendment begins on page 6 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.